

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

MILLER ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/082,989

Filed: February 26, 2002

Confirmation No.: 7048

Atty. File No.: 45568-00020

For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT OF HEARING AIDS THAT INCLUDE IMPLANTED ACTUATORS"

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Group Art Unit: 2644

Examiner: Tony M. Jacobson

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of May 22, 2003 (Paper No. 3).

Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from August 22, 2003 to November 22, 2003, as well as a check in the amount of \$475.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for the additional claims associated with filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, 16-27 and 31-33, cancel Claims 6, 10-15 and 28-30 and add new Claims 34-37 as follows:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity) Applicant(s): Miller et al.						Docket No. 45568-00020		
	Serial No. Filing I				n	Group Art Unit 2644		
Invention: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT OF HEARING AIDS THAT INCLUDE TAPLANTED ACTUATORS								
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.								
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INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	:	0	x \$43	3.00	\$0.00	
Multiple Depender	ent Claims (check if app	olicable)					\$0.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$0.							\$0.00	
 No additional fee is required for amendment. □ Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of □ A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419 ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. □ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Characteristics Signature Thomas P. Moreh								
Thomas R. Marsh Registration No. 31,039 Marsh Fischmann & Breyfogle LLP 3151 South Vaughn Way, Suite 411 Aurora, Colorado 80014 I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on Now. 21, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA								

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